

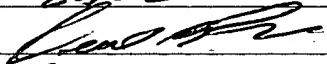


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**AMENDMENT B**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated July 30, 2003. The examiner issued a further office action after the application was briefed upon appeal.

**Please amend the claims of this application to as follows:**

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